

Penfield Field Hockey Booster Club Minutes

Monday, November 24, 2008, 7pm Wegmans

Present: Maureen Freedman- President, Victor Burroughs, Jon Heron, Kathy Hurysz, Marie Mahany, Maureen Lamberti, Garry Haltof.

By-Laws: Maureen passed around some copies of the Field Hockey Booster Club by-laws. It was noted that elections for next year's officers will be held in March of 2009. As most of this year's officers are parents of seniors, we will need to replace them for next season. Some suggestions were made for different positions. The group agreed that we would like to pull in more parents from the younger age groups to be active members of the booster club.

Banquets: Both banquets went well, the Varsity banquet was held at Mario's, and everyone agreed this was a good location. There was a discussion around possibly combining the Varsity and JV banquets next year. The Booster club will look into the pros and cons of this next season. We will quiz the coaches to get their feelings on this.

Booster expenses: Booster club maintains two funding accounts, a local FH fund that we use to pay for expenses incurred during the season (Equipment, turf practices, Meetings, exc.) and a global fund used for major expenses. Most of our income comes from our yearly August tournament. This year's tournament netted the FH Booster club about \$3400 of which \$400 was passed on to the global booster club. The global fund is part of the Penfield Global Boosters club which we are a member. We also receive funding from the global fund. We have been saving our global money from the past few seasons to pay for two new FH goals with wheels for the new turf field. We received word from Pete Shambo that the school may pick up some of this expense.

Brick Sale: Not too late to order a brick – order form available on Global Booster website. Please mark field hockey on your order and we will receive \$25 for each brick.

Field Hockey Webpage: At our last meeting Garry Haltof volunteered to be our FH webmaster. Goal is to have team roster, league stats, annual tournament information, links to summer camps, Blizzards information, pictures and other opportunities to play or practice in the off season. Garry will commence work on the page when the page template is configured and available for editing.

A discussion was held concerning Blizzards club FH. It seems there are a few misconceptions about it. The cost is \$250./year to join. There are no cuts; everyone is welcome from 7th through 12th grade. They practice at Thornell road school and Fairport Village sports. What in it for my kid?? They will receive personal skills training throughout the off-season. They will be informed about other available training opportunities. They will get to practice with other high skilled local players. They will have opportunities to play in tournaments. It was noted that most of the players in the senior game are current Blizzard participants.

Winter Indoor League: Marie Mahany and Kathy Hurysz will coordinate this winter. There will be two seasons, a short 4 week season in December and a 14 week season starting in January. The December

season will only be varsity players, January will have both JV and Varsity teams. Games will be played 6V6 on Sunday afternoons. Cost is \$20 for the short season and \$40 for the second Jan season. It is difficult to get information and registration to all girls since 'off season'. Jon Heron has volunteered to get the word out to the JV players.

Winter indoor FH tournaments: Maureen F registered girls for both Igloo (Eastridge) and Webster tournaments last year. First year Penfield participated in over 4 years. Leslie and Robin support this off season play for the girls. Both are indoor at the high schools, played on gym floors, 5 or 7 on 5 or 7 (can't remember). Both played round robin format – 20min games, one day, girls usually get 5 – 7 games in the day. Open for current 9-12 graders, have had one team entered last year - ?2 teams if enough interest. Need parent and girl volunteer to coordinate registration, waiver, payment. Lynn Hettle volunteered at the meeting. Maureen F to pass dates and info as soon as she knows.

Spring U of R Tournament: Last year we participated in the May UofR tournament. It is a one day played on half size turf field at U of R. Great experience on turf for girls. Round robin style play. We had one team last year. Varsity level play but open to JV and V. Need parent and girl volunteer to coordinate. Again can be difficult communication d/t 'off season' for girls and many involved in other sports in the spring. Please let Maureen F know if interested.

Summer Pittsford Recreation League: Penfield has participated each summer. The league is open to current 9, 10th and 11th graders on JV and V. Games are every Tues and Thurs evening for six weeks in July and first two weeks August. Do not yet have exact dates. Need volunteer parent and girls to coordinate - register in May/beginning of June. **BIG NEED TO FIND A PARENT OF A CURRENT 8TH GRADE PLAYER TO GET THE WORD OUT TO THEM ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY.** Please let Maureen F know if interested.

Summer 2009 Team Camp: Barb and Garry Haltof and Marie Mahany volunteered to explore team camp options and coordinate for both JV and V. Opinion of group was that same camp and same week for both JV and V worked well this past summer. Everyone liked the Syracuse camp, there was also some talk about bringing their coach Christy Morgan here during the summer for a day camp.

PHS Field Hockey Tournament: Never too early to think about our tournament for 2009. Tournament will be held the last Saturday before tryouts. We will be expanding to three fields and 15 teams. Last year we coordinated tasks into four tasks. Vic Burroughs will coordinate the tournament. We need volunteers for the four above mentioned tasks.

1. Registration Mailings,
2. Physical set up – Refs, fields, equipment,
3. Food and medical
4. Clothing and sticks– tournament tanks and T's, Longstreet and Metro, Tom Jordan and Malick sticks.

Booster Club Meeting Schedule: Next meeting is Thursday, January 22th 2009 at Wegmans, upstairs.